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WE OFTEN HEAR FRIENDS and visitors say that Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children (TSRHC) is unique and “one of a kind.” Who ensures that every patient and family at TSRHC has a positive experience and receives outstanding clinical care? It is our incredible staff and dedicated physicians, nurses and allied health professionals who focus on the mission of the hospital, as well as our more than 800 volunteers who take pride and a special interest in serving every one of our patients.

Perhaps one of the reasons people feel that the hospital is “one of a kind” is because that’s how we feel about our patients. Our staff treats the whole child and develops individualized treatment plans to address the unique needs of every girl and boy who walk through our doors. TSRHC considers every aspect of a child’s well-being — mind, body and spirit — and manages their care through a multi-disciplinary approach. Every department is involved in the treatment process and committed to the patient’s health. From our Child Life specialists lending comfort and support throughout the treatment process to the Dietary staff serving healthy meals, every department is committed to our patients’ health and the quality of their care.

One example of treating the whole child is the hospital’s recent Amputee Ski Trip. This year, we celebrated 35 years of bringing together patients with limb differences for a week of camaraderie and confidence building. The trip was founded through the vision of our chief of staff emeritus, Dr. Tony Herring. He believed the emotional benefits of such an experience would far outweigh the physical — and he was right.

Other ways we treat the whole child are by improving treatment processes with advances like our EOS® imaging system. This state-of-the-art radiology device will allow us to capture X-rays, in specific patient cases, more quickly and accurately with less radiation.

Our whole child treatment approach unites every department in our hospital. It makes us whole.

Everyone at Scottish Rite Hospital knows that it is our patients who make this institution a special place. To that end, we are constantly looking forward, making advances and working tirelessly toward our mission of giving children back their childhood.

Child Life specialist Andrea Brown uses a doll to demonstrate a procedure to patient Tylan, age 8, of Dallas.
TEAMWORK AND FAMILY ARE IMPORTANT VALUES of the workplace culture of The Delta Companies, a health care staffing agency based in Dallas. The sparkling disco balls decorating the entryway on every floor of the organization’s building signifies those unifying values – one entity made of 100 pieces. In that familial spirit, The Delta Companies focuses its year-round philanthropic efforts on TSRHC, in support of a coworker whose child is a patient.

Throughout the year, the company hosts casual days, which allow employees to make a donation for the opportunity to wear casual clothing to work. Each spring, The Delta Companies hosts The Disco Cup, a golf tournament that benefits TSRHC. They also host a silent auction in the fall, and employees finish up their year with a visit to the hospital during the holidays for their annual year-end check presentation and toy donation. In 2015, The Delta Companies presented a donation of more than $139,000 for TSRHC patients, which included its annual toy donation.

“We are honored to be able to support such a deserving organization as Scottish Rite Hospital,” says The Delta Companies CEO Jeff Bowling. “Our team is humbled by the work of such an incredible group of people.”

The company’s commitment to the hospital has made a difference in the lives of countless patients. “We’re so grateful to have the support of an organization like The Delta Companies,” says TSRHC Vice President of Development Stephanie Brigger. “They keep the hospital top of mind all year long with their creative fundraising activities and generous spirit.”

If you or your organization would like to make a gift to the hospital, please contact the hospital’s Development department at 214-559-8374 or visit scottishritehospital.org/give.

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SUPPORTING TSRHC

The Delta Companies puts the “fun” in fundraising – all year long.

L to R: TSRHC staff Desmond Blair, TSRHC Chief of Staff Emeritus John A. “Tony” Herring, M.D., TSRHC Vice President of Development Stephanie Brigger, The Delta Companies representatives CEO Jeff Bowling and Chairman of the Board of Directors Stan Hirota, and TSRHC President/CEO Robert L. Walker
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Participant Alexia, age 6, of Dallas

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Patient Jacob, age 5, of Rockwall
WHILE THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RESEARCH conducted at TSRHC benefits children around the world, many people may not realize how our research makes the leap from a local platform to a global stage. Whether publishing journal articles, educating fellows or hosting visiting physicians, our hospital is constantly engaged in sharing discoveries that improve treatment outcomes for children everywhere.

To that end, our hospital actively participates in medical conferences and symposiums nationally and internationally, many of which influence the direction of orthopedic care.

Recently, our Center for Excellence in Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction had a prominent presence at an international conference that brought together three notable limb-lengthening societies for the first time.

In addition to our team’s conference presentations, physicians from other institutions repeatedly featured TSRHC’s external fixations systems, the TRUE/LOK™ and the TL-HEX, in their lectures. This reflects our team’s positive influence in the international practice of limb lengthening and reconstruction.

This April, TSRHC’s medical team will have a highly visible role at the prestigious Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America’s annual meeting. Presentations submitted for this meeting are rigorously judged. This year, we have been invited to give 24 presentations. It will be one of the strongest representations of any pediatric orthopedic program in the country.

To have the work of our expert team of researchers and physicians recognized on a global scale is tremendously gratifying, but to know that the information and resources we share benefit children throughout the world is by far the greatest reward.

Daniel J. Sucato, M.D., M.S.
TSRHC Chief of Staff

SPORTS MEDICINE PHYSICIAN JOINS NORTH CAMPUS STAFF

TSRHC welcomes physician, Jane S. Chung, M.D., to the Center for Excellence in Sports Medicine at the hospital’s North Campus location in Plano. Chung is fellowship-trained in pediatric sports medicine and specializes in the needs of female athletes. She enjoys educating young athletes about injury prevention, treatment and management of concussion and overuse injuries.

Chung is a former medical director of the United Nations International School in New York City. She is also a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness, the American Medical Society of Sports Medicine, the Female Athlete Triad Coalition and is a board-certified member of the American Board of Pediatrics.

TSRHC is pleased to have Chung join the hospital’s nationally recognized sports medicine team of Philip L. Wilson, M.D., Henry B. Ellis, M.D., Shane M. Miller, M.D., and the center’s skilled staff.

In addition to world-class sports medicine care, the North Campus location now offers general orthopedic services. To learn more about our North Campus location, at 7000 West Plano Parkway in Plano, visit scottishritehospital.org/sports or call 469-515-7100.

Sports Medicine Physician Joins North Campus Staff
**TSRHC Launching Bone-Related Translational Research Center**

**As a leading pediatric orthopedic research facility**, TSRHC is committed to translating its scientific discoveries into improved care and treatment outcomes for children with musculoskeletal conditions. To that end, the hospital is launching a multidisciplinary Center for Pediatric Bone Biology and Translational Research.

It will include 3,200 square feet of laboratories and offices dedicated to bone-related research. An internationally recognized expert in musculoskeletal biology and translational science will be recruited to direct it.

“The center will become the hub of bone biology expertise in the Dallas medical community, solidifying relationships with experts in bone-related fields and enabling robust, multidisciplinary collaboration impacting children’s health around the world,” says Carol Wise, Ph.D., director of both Basic Research and Molecular Genetics at Scottish Rite Hospital.

One of the hospital’s latest breakthroughs, in collaboration with New Zealand’s Dunedin School of Medicine and The Hospital for Sick Kids in Toronto, is the discovery of genetic mutations that cause osteofibrous dysplasia. The condition is marked by lesions and adversely affects the growth and strength of bones, usually in a child’s lower leg.

The center will continue to explore the root causes of such conditions with a “bench to bedside” translational research and treatment approach. It will also further expand the facility’s role as a training site for fellows, visiting scientists and students and will host international gatherings dedicated to collaborative research that will benefit children worldwide.

Visit [scottishritehospital.org/research](http://scottishritehospital.org/research) to view a video about this exciting program. For opportunities to support the center, please contact the hospital’s Development department at 214-559-7650.

**Exploring Innovations in Imaging**

**TSRHC is only the fourth hospital in Texas** to employ an advanced imaging technology called EOS®, to be used in specific patient cases. The system produces long length images of the spine and lower extremities with significantly less radiation than is normally required using other imaging tools. There is also the additional capability of creating 3-D images of the bony skeleton that can provide our surgeons a more complete review of a patient’s anatomy for treatment planning.

EOS has the unique ability to simultaneously generate two views of the entire spine or lower extremities in approximately 10 to 15 seconds. Today, the most common alternative method of digital X-ray requires at least 30 minutes. This added efficiency provides a better experience to patients and their families.

The system captures weight-bearing 3-D images in the upright or squatting positions that are 1:1, meaning there are no areas of the scan that are distorted or magnified. By using these images, Scottish Rite Hospital surgeons can more accurately understand the unique aspects of a patient’s skeletal deformity and better prepare for surgery.

In addition, unique EOS software created specifically for pediatric patients, called MicroDose, exposes the patient to six to eight times less radiation than traditional X-ray equipment.

EOS imaging is based in Paris, with a U.S. subsidiary in Cambridge, Mass. The hospital’s radiology team is working closely with medical physicists to examine and maximize the potential capabilities and efficiencies of this groundbreaking technology.

TSRHC radiologic technologist Amber O’Dougherty assists patient Mason, age 9, of Jacksonville, after his scan.

Staff scientist Jonathan Rios, Ph.D., with Carol Wise, Ph.D., director of both Basic Research and Molecular Genetics.
NO MOUNTAIN TOO HIGH

Celebrating 35 years of building confidence, camaraderie and courage on the Amputee Ski Trip

by Ruth Ann Hensley

L to R: Patients Christopher, age 14, of Grapevine; and Taj, age 16, of Dallas (back); former patient Patience Beard; patient Alfredo, age 17, of Mansfield; TSRHC Assistant Chief of Staff and Foundation President Karl E. Rathjen, M.D.; patient Cody, age 14, of Keller (front); Chief of Staff Emeritus and Amputee Ski Trip Founder John A. “Tony” Henning, M.D.; patient Jeremiah, age 16, of Dallas; TSRHC sports medicine orthopedist Henry B. Ellis, M.D.; patients Natalie, age 14, of Fort Worth; Jazmyn, age 17, of Irving; and Joshua, age 16, of Houston
ONE CRISP, CLEAR COLORADO MORNING IN 1985, young Daniel Massey was enjoying a ski run on the freshly powdered slopes of Winter Park, Colo. Conquering moguls on only his second day of learning to ski, he was not your average skier. Performing this feat as a quad-amputee, born with no arms or legs, Daniel was clearly not average at all.

Nor was there anything typical about the gentleman behind Daniel’s mountain-mogul experience, TSRHC Chief of Staff Emeritus John A. “Tony” Herring, M.D. The world-renowned pediatric orthopedic surgeon had a vision that led to the creation of a life-changing experience for patients with limb deficiencies — the Amputee Ski Trip.

In the early ’80s, Herring attended an orthopedic conference where he became inspired after seeing a presentation about the benefits of skiing for the physically challenged. J. C. Montgomery, Jr., the hospital’s president at that time and now executive chairman of the TSRHC Foundation, rallied donors, the community and corporate sponsors to help make the trip a reality. This year, the weeklong event marked a milestone 35th anniversary, and there has been much cause for celebration.

“I’m really celebrating what this trip has meant to the kids,” Herring says. “The kids come back and tell me, even as 40-year-olds, that it was a turning point in their life.”

These amputee patients are faced with peaks and valleys every day, but finding the courage to take on the Rocky Mountains can be transformative. “A child may be the only one in their school with a disability,” Herring explains. “Some have never come out in the open with their prosthesis, flown on a plane or spent a night away from home. So it’s a huge step for them.”

But it’s not a step they take alone. They are accompanied by nurses, orthopedists and prosthetists, who act as chaperones, coordinators and a support unit for the young skiers. The travel coordination, meal planning and activity arrangements are a team effort.

The highly recognized staff at the National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) is also a key part of that team. They carefully evaluate each skier and fit them with adaptive gear best suited to their level of physical ability and interest, from snowboards to ski bikes. Each patient is then paired with an instructor who shows them the best techniques to experience the thrill and freedom of speeding down the mountain.

“They have the same attitude we do,” Herring says of the NSCD staff. “We want to enable these kids to do anything they could possibly do and make it fun for them.”

“It’s not an easy event to pull off, but it’s certainly worth the effort,” explains TSRHC’s Director of Prosthetics Don Cummings, who has double, below-the-knee-amputations and has been on the trip 25 times.

Some might consider such a mission truly impossible, but clearly this one has been a success.

“It’s amazing how many lives have been touched through this incredible experience — including mine,” says Cummings, who skied for the first time on his inaugural trip in 1988. “These kids have taught me to accept my disability and myself.”

Herring points out that another benefit of the trip is learning the challenges these patients face in daily life.
“Watching them navigate ice, climb up snowy stairs and carry their luggage, you see what they are dealing with outside of a clinic setting,” he explains. “We can take that knowledge and find ways to help them function better out in the world. This trip really represents our philosophy of treating the whole child.”

The many benefits this trip provides are made possible by organizations like American Airlines, which provides air transportation through its “Kids in Need” program, the Stephen M. Seay Foundation and Dallas retailer Saint Bernard. The trip also relies on help from individuals like longtime TSRHC friend and volunteer Bob Ayers, who has served as a ski trip chaperone for many years and is now a hospital trustee.

Herring believes the biggest benefit of the trip is the unique and life-changing camaraderie created between kids who share the same challenges. Teens find a safe place to shed their inhibitions, their worries and sometimes even their legs.

“The ski trip has shown me that I am capable of anything. I can ski with one leg and some people can’t even ski with two!”

— Patient JAZMYN, age 17, of Irving, ski trip participant (2016)

“It isn’t often that you are surrounded by individuals who completely understand your circumstances. The trip shaped my mindset on what I was capable of.”

— Patient ERIKA, age 17, of Wylie, ski trip participant (2016)

“It’s been 31 years since Daniel Massey, with his quad-amputation, first strapped on his ski boots and helped the two-armed person beside him do the same. He says that the ski trip put him with amputee teenagers who were not just coping but excelling.

“On my first trip, I was having a lot of concerns about what high school would be like. I didn’t know if I could drive a car, if girls would find me attractive or if my friends would leave me behind,” Massey reflects. “I left the mountain knowing that I could do anything I wanted in life.”

Since then, Massey has graduated from college, is enjoying a successful marketing career with one of the largest computer companies in the country and is a happily married father of twin boys.

It appears that from the top of that mountain he could see — his loftiest goals were within reach.”

— Daniel Massey, former patient and ski trip participant (2014)
CHEERS TO 20 YEARS! Last fall more than 1,300 hospital friends, families and supporters gathered to commemorate Treasure Street’s 20th anniversary. TSRHC’s signature fundraiser was held directly across the street from the hospital on the beautiful grounds of Old Parkland. Guests danced the night away to the sounds of country star Pat Green as well as The Project band, sampled delicious food and enjoyed a live and silent auction. A special thanks goes to 2015 Treasure Street Event Chairmen Leslie and Brian Ficke, as well as Honorary Chairmen Annette and the late Harold Simmons, and Kammy and Andy Fleck. This year’s event raised more than $1.3 million for TSRHC. Please plan to join us for Treasure Street’s 21st annual celebration on Oct. 13, 2016.

L to R: TSRHC Chief of Staff Daniel J. Sucato, M.D., M.S., and Lisa Sucato; TSRHC Chief of Staff Emeritus John A. “Tony” Herrin; M.D., and Kathy Herrin; TSRHC President Emeritus and Foundation Executive Chairman J. C. Montgomery, Jr. and Lark Montgomery, Syd and Margaret Carter; 2015 Treasure Street Honorary Chairmen Kammy and Andy Fleck; 2015 Treasure Street Event Chairmen Leslie and Brian Ficke; Treasure Street Founders Dee and Dodge Carter; TSRHC Trustee Harold Carter and Bitsy Carter; TSRHC Assistant Chief of Staff and Foundation President Karl E. Rathjen, M.D., and Carolyn Rathjen; TSRHC President/CEO Robert L. Walker and Pat Walker

Pictured above: L to R: Dodge Carter, Jr., Diana Ficke, David Ficke, Kate Ficke and Charlie Click

Pictured at left: Bill and Wendy Payne; Pictured below: L to R: Joe Crafton, Amy Crafton, Edith Lannom and John Lannom; Pictured at right: L to R: Jenna Wimberly, Clarence Brown, TSRHC staff orthopedist Lane Wimberly, M.D., and Shonn Brown

Pictured at left: Bill and Wendy Payne; Pictured below: L to R: Joe Crafton, Amy Crafton, Edith Lannom and John Lannom; Pictured at right: L to R: Jenna Wimberly, Clarence Brown, TSRHC staff orthopedist Lane Wimberly, M.D., and Shonn Brown

Pictured at right: Grammy-nominated singer songwriter Pat Green; Pictured below: L to R: Crow Holdings Chairman and CEO Harlan Crow with Treasure Street Founders Dee and Dodge Carter

Pictured above: L to R: Dodge Carter, Jr., Diana Ficke, David Ficke, Kate Ficke and Charlie Click

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Challenge Kickoff at TSRHC

COTTON PATCH CAFE IS ON A “MARCH TO A MILLION” dollars for Scottish Rite Hospital – and you can help! Donate $25 by April 30 and receive a $25 Cotton Patch gift card. Make a difference in a child’s life and earn a heapin’ helpin’ of down-home deliciousness at Cotton Patch Cafe, celebrating its 10th year of supporting the hospital! To participate, visit scottishritehospital.org/cottonpatch today! ☺

Music Therapy Program Donation

TSRHC RECENTLY BEGAN A MUSIC THERAPY PROGRAM made possible through a donation from hospital patient, Baylor, age 11, her parents, Aimee and Don Dupuy, and their family and friends. Other supporters include the Leo and Rhea Fay Fruehman Foundation and Blue Star Connection, a nonprofit, music-therapy-based organization, which donated nearly 140 pieces of musical equipment. More than 50 instruments were also donated through the hospital’s Amazon.com Wish List. Special thanks to all those who orchestrated a pitch-perfect start for this exciting new program! ☺

L. Ray Lawson, M.D., Fellowship Luncheon

WEI-CHUN LEE, M.D., OF TAIWAN, was recently recognized at a hospital luncheon as the third recipient of the L. Ray Lawson, M.D., International Pediatric Spine Fellowship. During Lee’s time at the hospital, his studies focused on early onset scoliosis and neonatal hip disorders.

The fellowship was established in memory of the late TSRHC orthopedist L. Ray Lawson, M.D., to honor his pioneering achievements in the field of orthopedics, particularly scoliosis. As a special treat, Lawson’s sons and family were on hand to present Lee with his fellowship certificate of completion. ☺

David R. Lawson and R. “Mac” Lawson visit an area of the hospital that honors the legacy of their father, L. Ray Lawson, M.D.
HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS | Spotlight on TSRHC Events, Donors and Patients

**HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS VISIT**

In January, the original Harlem Globetrotters took a break from their 90th Tour and visited the hospital to put on a special show for our patients, parents, TSRHC staff and volunteers. Special thanks to Anthony “Buckets” Blakes and Fatima “TNT” Maddox for making our kids’ smiles big enough to be seen around the globe!

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**LET’S GET SOCIAL!**

CONNECT WITH TSRHC ONLINE FOR UPDATES ON THE HOSPITAL, OUR PATIENTS AND EVENTS.

For hospital news and patient stories, check out:

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LIKE US AND FOLLOW US TODAY!
TSRHC TRUSTEE BRIAN VANCE understands firsthand that it’s never too late to pursue your dreams. As someone who has enjoyed a successful career as a financial advisor, he may not have banked on getting married, reigniting his passion for swimming and becoming active in Masonry “later in life,” as he puts it, but that’s exactly what he did. He has had treasured mentors to guide him and has taken their valuable life lessons to heart. Another thing close to his heart is serving TSRHC patients, in whose lives he has no doubt the best is yet to come.

WHO HAS HAD THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR LIFE?
My swim coach at the University of Texas still inspires me. His dedication to his faith, family, and community provides the finest examples of leadership and compassion. Of course, my father had a big influence. As a Mason, he always told me you could identify a Mason by the way he conducted himself.

WHAT'S THE MOST REWARDING ASPECT OF BEING A MASON?
The fellowship with men from all walks of life. We are taught to look within and improve ourselves as men, husbands, fathers and friends.

HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR WIFE, CAROL?
We met while taking ballroom dancing lessons. She had three grown children when we married. We now have six grandchildren.

WHAT HOSPITAL PROGRAM HAS MADE THE BIGGEST IMPRESSION ON YOU?
Scottish Rite Masons had a learning center in Austin, so the Dyslexia program is very personal to me. Helping kids with this problem is life changing to them.

WHAT IS A FAVORITE BIT OF ADVICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?
Whenever I consider a commitment, I ask myself, “If you don’t do this, will you always wonder what would have happened?”

WHAT DOES THE HOSPITAL MEAN TO YOU?
I can’t overstate how touched I have been by it. The dedication and quality of our staff, at all levels, are stunning to me. It is truly an honor to be associated with the hospital.
SPORTS ARE A FAVORITE PASTIME for active TSRHC patient Micah, age 11, of Shady Shores. He throws football passes, makes baskets and blocks soccer goals, but the most impressive stats he has posted are as the founder of a holiday toy drive for the patients of Scottish Rite Hospital.

Five years and more than 15,000 toys later, Micah is still going strong. “It’s an amazing feeling to give back,” he says.

His father, Richard, recalls bringing 8-week-old Micah to TSRHC for the first time to be treated for a congenital hand difference.

“The hospital was like a knot at the end of a rope,” Richard says. “We focused on our child and they took care of everything else.”

Micah has many new friends who have supported his toy drive including local Masons, the Farmers Branch Police Department, Ebby Halliday Realtors, Glazer’s Inc. and Transwestern.

Upon visiting with Micah, it’s clear that the best gift he gives to others is his attitude.

“I used to be picked on a little,” he explains. “But one morning I woke up and realized that I am happy with my hand difference. It feels awesome to be different and to help other kids.”

Hear Micah’s advice to children with orthopedic conditions and learn what he wants to be when he grows up at scottishritehospital.org/micah.

W. B. Carrell, M.D.  1883 – 1944

WILLIAM BEALL CARRELL was born in Lawrence, Tenn., on Dec. 21, 1883, and moved with his family to Cedar Hill, Texas, at age 4. A physician’s son, he chose a career in medicine and received his medical degree in 1908 from what is now UT Southwestern in Dallas.

Upon graduation, Carrell and his wife of three years, Beulah Stewart, remained in the city, where Carrell began his general surgery career and they raised three children.

With the outbreak of World War I, the young physician served in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army and the American Expeditionary Force in France. Carrell learned a great deal about orthopedics from European doctors on the front lines, before this specialty was widely recognized in the U.S.

In 1919, he returned to Dallas as the city’s first orthopedic surgeon. There he faced a new enemy — polio.

In 1920, the Freemasons of Texas approached him about providing charitable care to children stricken with the illness. Thus, Carrell became the first chief of staff of a newly constructed Masonic hospital, known today as Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

Carrell’s tireless efforts helped thousands of children and laid the foundation for TSRHC’s world-renowned reputation in pediatric orthopedics. Upon his death in 1944, his eldest son, orthopedist Brandon Carrell, M.D., became the hospital’s second chief of staff.

Carrell’s obituary read, “A steadfast soldier of a different battle, he was still fighting for ‘his’ children right up to the end.”

Benefiting Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, the KidSwing Golf Tournaments are 9-hole, best ball scrambles for players ages 5-15 at all levels of golfing ability. Register today at KidSwing.org.